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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AZORES.

Plague at Terceira.

Information was received September 25 of the occurrence at Terceira of 3 cases of plague with 2 deaths during the previous two weeks.

Shanghai—Cholera Conditions Improving.

Acting Asst. Surg. Ransom reports, September 24, that cholera conditions at Shanghai are improving; that no recent cases have occurred among foreigners; and that the number of deaths from the disease among natives is decreasing.

This is the first report of cholera at Shanghai forwarded by the medical officer at that port.

CUBA.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for United States.

Acting Asst. Surg. Wilson reports as follows regarding the inspection at Habana of vessels clearing for United States ports:

Week ended Sept. 7, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	24
Vessels inspected and passed.....	20
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	849
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	490
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	9
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under the supervision of United States Public Health Service.....	4
Vessels certified as complying with paragraph 35, United States quarantine regulations.....	11
Bills of health issued with recommendation fumigation of vessel on arrival at United States port.....	1
Vaccination certificates issued.....	3

GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool—Rat Destruction—Plague-Infected Rats.

The American consul reports September 23:

Rat extermination is systematically conducted and the authorities lately have employed additional force. Atlantic steamship lines have also employed professional rat catchers. Over 3,000 rats have been examined during the last 12 months. Only 3 rats were found infected with plague—1 April 30, 1 August 1, and 1 August 30. Of these 1 was from a vessel and 2 were from adjacent storehouses.